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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner that has used the internet for more than 30 years--yes, initially via slow dial-ups through Stanford University and for the last 23 years using a very successful local provider. I object to any action that will limit the ability of this local provider to provide a competitive service. Their focus has always been on SERVICE. As someone who works in IT, I know the level of "service" provided by "the big guys, AT&T, Comcast ...". Frankly, they cannot compete. When I need help from my local company, I can get it immediately, without spending 30 minutes winding my way through a phone message labyrinth that takes me to the far east or some other remote part of the world--to talk with someone that can barely understand me.

You are suppose to protect the CONSUMER, not the "Big Guys". This consumer now asks you to protect my local ISP. Please, do not limit their ability to compete by (indirectly) constraining them.

I work with video streams. (My business uses video to make measurements for NASA, the DoD, the auto industry, and many other industrial clients. We need a fast broadband service. The internet was built on MY dollars and those generated by my company (by DARPA), not the dollars of AT&T and Comcast. The actions you are proposing will increase the cost of my internet and phone services.

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